

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the issues raised in the above referenced Office Action is respectfully solicited.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of Claims 9, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 18-20. We note that the previous Office Action indicates that cancelled Claim 22 is allowable, but we are certain that dependent Claim 23 was intended to be referenced as allowable.

The rejection of Claims 1-8, 10, 13, 14, 17 and 21 based on prior art has been considered. In order to advance prosecution, Claims 1-8 have been cancelled. Claims 10, 13, 17 and 21 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 9. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 10, 13, 14, 17 and 21 is respectfully requested.

Dependent Claims 24-28 have been added. Claims 24-28 recite that the device forms part of an ophthalmologic Scheimpflug camera. Claims 24-28 each depend from an allowed independent claim and thus also are allowable.

The rejections in the previous Office Action are based in part on Koest, et al. There is no listing of this patent on Form PTO-892 or Form PTO-1449. In view of the comments in the Office Action, we believe Applicant's U.S. Patent No. 6 286 958 to Koest, et al. is the patent being referenced in the rejection. Applicant respectfully requests that the Koest patent is listed on Form PTO-892 and made officially of record in the next Office Action.

Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 9-21 and 23-28 is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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